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(HILLIARD, KARL) (LANG, DANIEL PHILLIP), (LISENBY,

KEYNON WALLACE) (MAGERS, ROBERT) (WHITLEY, DAVID)

(WOMACK, DAN)

SUBJ: ESCAPE OF EIGHT AMERICAN PRISONERS FROM PIEDRAS NEGRAS
PENITENTIARY

1. TWENTY-FOUR PRISONERS AT PIEDRAS NEGRAS PENITENTIARY ESCAPED
DURING NIGHT NOV. 23/24 THROUGH LONG TUNNEL UNDER PENITENTIARY
WALLS. EIGHT OF THOSE ESCAPED ARE U.S. CITIZENS.

2. PAUL CHAMBERLAIN, KARL HILLIARD, ROBERT MAGERS, KEYNON LISENBY,
FARRIS WILLIAM CHANDLER AND DAVID WHITLEY ARE KNOWN TO HAVE
CROSSED RIO GRANDE RIVER, HAVE REACHED EAGLE PASS, TEXAS, AND
HAVE NOW ARRIVED OTHER CITIES IN TEXAS. TWO OTHER AMERICANS,
DAN WOMACK AND DANIEL LANG JOINED IN ESCAPE, BUT THEIR WHEREABOUTS
ARE UNKNOWN.

3. DANIEL LANG AND DAN WOMACK WERE SUPPOSED TO HAVE JOINED OTHERS
AT EAGLE PASS, TEXAS AFTER CROSSING RIO GRANDE RIVER. THEY DID
NOT APPEAR IN EAGLE PASS AS PLANNED, AND THERE IS A POSSIBILITY
THEY MAY HAVE DROWNED. JUDGE ADVOCATE'S OFFICE AT FORT SAM HOUSTON
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IN TOUCH WITH LANG'S PARENTS. WOMACK'S PARENTS NOW AT EAGLE PASS,

TEXAS.

4. TWO AMERICAN PRISONERS REMAINED BEHIND AT PIEDRAS NEGRAS PENITENTIARY. THEY ARE WILL PICKENS, WHO IS DUE BE RELEASED SOON, AND FLOYD HARRIS SEHION, WHO IS APPEALING SEVEN YEAR SENTENCE.

5. PRISON DIRECTOR IS BEING HELD BY AUTHORITIES PENDING INVESTIGATION AS WELL AS FIVE OTHER PENITENTIARY OFFICIALS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT AMERICAN PRISONERS INVOLVED IN DIGGING TUNNEL AND THAT EXCAVATED DIRT WAS STORED IN C RATION CASES PROVIDED BY U.S. MILITARY TO TWO SERVICEMAN PRISONERS.

6. CONGEN ATTEMPTING GET IN TOUCH WITH NEAREST RELATIVES OF ESCAPED AMERICAN PRISONERS TO REPORT THIS DEVELOPMENT.

7. OM WITH MORE DETAILS FOLLOWS.
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